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FROM: Luxembourg

TO: Secretary of State

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 95, INFORMATION BONN 11, BRUSSELS 14,
PARIS 22.At UN Day Ceremony morning 24th,
following privately in presence Ambassadors
and undersigned:

During yesterday's Brussels Foreign Ministers Meetings.
conversation with
who both expressed opinion that Soviet reaction would center
around Berlin. Although no specific details given, feeling
was that Soviet effort institute some type bloc made around
Berlin would be forthcoming. [given impression
strong feeling solidarity among COMINFIL in supporting President's
decision.

stated he had heard broadcast Western German Radio
that 25 Soviet ships had either deviated from course or
turned back to USSR. He quickly added that no other news
broadcast or information available to him had confirmed this.

I took opportunity outline points contained DEPCIRTEL 725
which were well received.

had taken line that difference between quarantine
and blockade was juridically and technically correct but
doubted that distinction would have much effect on Soviet
reaction. [stated speaking personally he was
surprised that Soviet initial reaction had not been stronger

Department of State had detected certain phrases in Soviet note to US which
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appeared to be seeking area for negotiation.

also expressed opinion that Mexico's stand in OAS was great
personal victory for President as result his June visit.

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